



Biden: Americans should 'pay attention' to MLK's legacy



President Joe Biden speaks at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, during a service honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

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ATLANTA (AP) — President Joe Biden made a historical pilgrimage Sunday to "America's freedom church" to mark Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, saying democracy was at a perilous moment and that the civil rights leader's life and legacy "show us the way and we should pay attention." As the first sitting president to deliver a Sunday morning sermon at King's Ebenezer Baptist Church, Biden cited the telling question that King himself once asked of the nation. "He said, 'Where do we go from here?'" Biden said from the pulpit. "Well, my message to this nation on this day is we go forward, we go together, when we choose democracy over autocracy, a beloved community over chaos, when we choose believers and the dreams, to be doers, to be unafraid, always keeping the faith." In a divided country only two

years removed from a violent insurrection, Biden told congregants, elected officials and dignitaries that "the battle for the soul of this nation is perennial. It's a constant struggle ... between hope and fear, kindness and cruelty, justice and injustice." He spoke out against those who "traffic in racism, extremism, insurrection" and said the struggle to safeguard democracy was playing out in courthouses and ballot boxes, protests and other ways. "At our best, the American promise wins out. ... But I don't need to tell you that we're not always at our best. We're fallible. We fail and fall." The stop at Ebenezer came at a delicate moment for Biden after Attorney General Merrick Garland on Thursday announced the appointment of a special counsel to investigate how the president handled classified documents after leaving the vice presidency in 2017.

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The White House on Saturday revealed that additional classified records were found at Biden's home near Wilmington, Delaware.

In introducing Biden, the church's senior pastor, Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock noted that the president was "a devout Catholic" for whom "this Baptist service might be a little bit rambunctious and animated. But I saw him over there clapping his hands."

King, "the greatest American prophet of the 20th century," as Warnock put it, served as co-pastor from 1960 until he was assassinated in 1968.

Warnock, like many battle-



President Joe Biden, center, holds hands with Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., a senior pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, second from left, and Keisha Lance Bottoms, senior adviser to Biden for public engagement and former Atlanta Mayor, second from right, after Biden spoke at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, during a service honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

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ground state Democrats who won reelection in 2022, kept his distance during the campaign from Biden as the president's approval rating lagged and the inflation rate climbed.

But with the election be-

hind him and a full six-year term ahead, Warnock fully embraced Biden at the service. Near the close, he asked Biden to come to the front of the church and asked Ebenezer's congregants to pray for the presi-

dent as he listed several of Biden's legislative achievements.

"That, my friends, is God's work," said Warnock, adding that Biden "had a little something to do with it."

As Biden begins to turn his attention toward an expected 2024 reelection effort, Georgia is going to get plenty of his attention.

In 2020, Biden managed to win Georgia as well as closely contested Michigan and Pennsylvania, where Black votes made up a disproportionate share of the Democratic electorate. Turning out Black voters in those states will be essential to Biden's 2024 hopes.

The White House has tried to promote Biden's agenda in minority communities. The White House has cited efforts to encourage states to take equity into account for public works projects as they spend money from the administration's \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. The administration also has acted to end sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine offenses, scrapping a policy widely seen as racist.

The administration also highlights Biden's work to diversify the federal judiciary, including his appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson as the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court and the confirmation of 11 Black women judges to federal appeals courts — more than those installed to those powerful courts under all previous presidents combined.

Biden's failure to win pas-

sage of a measure that would have bolstered voting right protections, a central campaign pledge, is one of his biggest disappointments of his first two years in office. The task is even steeper now that Republicans control the House. In his remarks, the president said that for all the progress the United States has made, the country had now reached a critical point in its history. He said democracies can backslide, noting the collapse of the institutional structures of democracy in places such as Brazil.

"Progress is never easy, but it's always possible and things do get better in our march to a more perfect union," he said. "But at this inflection point, we know a lot of work that has to continue on economic justice civil rights, voting rights, protecting our democracy. And I'm remembering our job is to redeem the soul of America."

This moment, he said, "is the time of choosing. ... Are we a people who will choose democracy over autocracy? Couldn't ask that question 15 years ago because everybody thought democracy was settled. ... But it's not." Americans, he said, "have to choose a community over chaos. ... These are the vital questions of our time and the reason why I'm here as your president. I believe Dr. King's life and legacy show us the way and we should pay attention."

King, who was born on Jan. 15, 1929, was killed at age 39. He helped drive passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. Members of King's family attended the service, including his 95-year-old sister, Christine King Farris.

"I've spoken before parliaments, kings, queens, leaders of the world ... but this is intimidating," Biden said in opening his sermon.

The president plans to be in Washington on Monday to speak at the National Action Network's annual breakfast on the King holiday. □

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House GOP demands visitor logs in Biden classified docs case

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly empowered House Republicans on Sunday demanded the White House turn over all information related to its searches that have uncovered classified documents at President Joe Biden's home and former office in the wake of more records found at his Delaware residence.

"We have a lot of questions," said Rep. James Comer, chairman of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee.

Comer, R-Ky., said he wants to see all documents and communications related to the searches by the Biden team, as well as visitor logs of the president's home in Wilmington, Delaware, from Jan. 20, 2021, to present. He said the aim is to determine who might have had access to classified material and how the records got there.

The White House on Saturday said it had discovered five additional pages of classified documents at Biden's home on Thursday, the same day a special counsel was appointed to review the matter.

In a letter Sunday to White House chief of staff Ron Klain, Comer criticized the searches by Biden representatives when the Jus-



Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., talks to reporters as he walks to the House chamber, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023.

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tice Department was beginning to investigate and said Biden's "mishandling of classified materials raises the issue of whether he has jeopardized our national security." Comer demanded that the White House provide all relevant information including visitor logs by the end of the month. Appearing on CNN's "State of the Union," Comer referred to Biden's home as a "crime scene" though he acknowledged that it was not clear whether laws were broken.

"My concern is that the special counsel was called for,

but yet hours after that we still had the president's personal attorneys, who have no security clearance, still rummaging around the president's residence, looking for things — I mean that would essentially be a crime scene, so to speak," Comer said.

The House Judiciary Committee on Friday requested that Attorney General Merrick Garland turn over information related to the discovery of documents and Garland's appointment of special counsel Richard Hur to oversee the investigation.

White House officials "can say they're being transparent, but it's anything but," the committee chairman, Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures." White House lawyer Richard Sauber said in a statement Saturday that a total of six pages of classified documents were found from Biden's time serving as vice president in the Obama administration during a search of Biden's private library. The White House had said previously that only a single page was found there.

The latest disclosure was in addition to the discovery of documents found in December in Biden's garage and in November at his former offices at the Penn Biden Center in Washington.

Sauber said that Biden's personal lawyers, who did not have security clearances, stopped their search after finding the first page on Wednesday evening. Sauber found the remaining material Thursday, as he was facilitating their retrieval by Justice Department. Sauber did not explain why the White House waited two days to provide an updated accounting. The White House is already facing scrutiny for waiting more than two months to acknowledge the discovery of the initial group of documents at the Biden office.

Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, said the Justice Department rightfully appointed special counsels to "get to the bottom" of the Biden classified documents matter as well as in a separate investigation into the mishandling of classified documents at former President Donald Trump's private club and residence in Florida. □

Enrollment gains boost UnitedHealth in fourth quarter

By TOM MURPHY

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UnitedHealth Group beat fourth-quarter forecasts by adding Medicare Advantage and Medicaid enrollment and delivering more care through its surging Optum Health business.

The health care giant also saw earnings jump for its Optum Rx segment, which runs prescription drug coverage as one of the nation's largest pharmacy benefit managers.

Overall, the company said Friday that its profit soared 17% to \$4.76 billion in the final quarter of 2022.

The company's United-

Healthcare insurance business added more than 600,000 customers to its Medicare Advantage business, which offers privately run versions of the government's Medicare program mainly for people ages 65 and older. It then added another half million people through Medicaid coverage it manages for states. Those gains helped operating earnings, which exclude investment gains or losses, surge 38% to nearly \$3 billion for UnitedHealthcare.

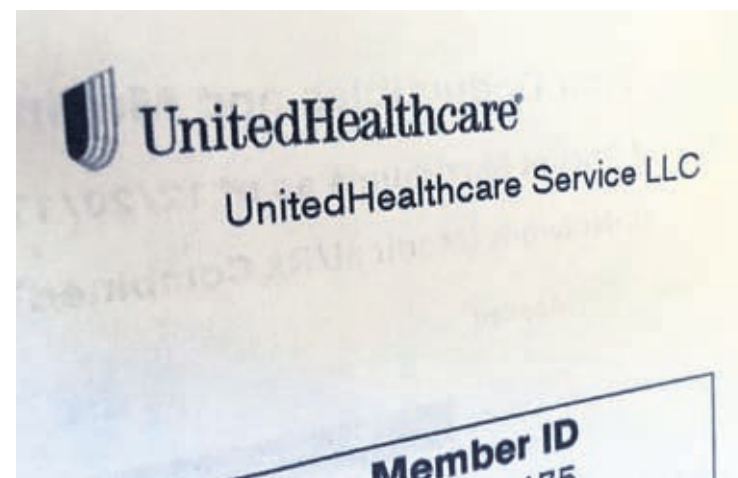
Medical costs, the company's largest expense, also jumped 11% to more than

\$53 billion.

Operating earnings advanced 16% to almost \$4 billion for the company's more profitable Optum business, which includes a growing number of clinics and urgent care and surgery centers.

UnitedHealth once mainly sold health insurance, but it has been providing more care for several years now. Overall, UnitedHealth booked adjusted earnings of \$5.34 per share in the fourth quarter.

Analysts expected \$5.17 per share, according to Zacks Investment Research. Total revenue grew 12%



In this June 15, 2018 file photo, UnitedHealthcare correspondence is seen in North Andover, Mass. UnitedHealth Group reports earnings on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023.

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to \$82.79 billion, matching Wall Street forecasts.

For the full year, UnitedHealth earned more than \$20 billion on \$324.16 billion in revenue. UnitedHealth also reaffirmed on Friday

its forecast for adjusted earnings to range between \$24.40 and \$24.90 per share this year. The company typically starts each year conservatively with its earnings forecasts. □

Storm-battered California gets more wind, rain and snow

By JOHN ANTCHAK

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Storm-battered California got more wind, rain and snow on Saturday, raising flooding concerns, causing power outages and making travel dangerous. Bands of rain with gusty winds started in the north and spread south, with more storms expected to follow into early next week, the National Weather Service said.

More than 68,000 utility customers were without electricity Saturday morning, a number that was cut by more than half during the afternoon, according to poweroutage.us.

Flood warnings were issued for the region north of San Francisco Bay, including Marin, Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties.

To the south, warnings were posted for parts of counties including San Mateo and Santa Cruz, where the tiny community of Felton Grove along the San Lorenzo River was ordered evacuated. An evacuation order also was issued for residents of the Wilton area in semirural southeastern Sacramento County. Authorities cited the threat of flooding from the Cosumnes River.

The swollen Salinas River swamped farmland in Monterey County, and to



A home sits in floodwaters in Salinas, Calif. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023.

the east, flood warnings were in effect for Merced County in the agricultural Central Valley, where Gov. Gavin Newsom visited to take stock of storm problems.

"The reality is that this is just the eighth of what we anticipate will be nine atmospheric rivers — we're not done," Newsom said at a briefing with local leaders where he urged people to be vigilant about safety for the next 24 to 48 hours.

"This is happening all across California but I want to say ... you guys are disproportionately taking the brunt of it, and if you feel that way

you're right," Newsom said. President Joe Biden declared a major disaster in the state and ordered federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts in affected areas.

Slick roads, snow and white-out conditions plagued highways through the Sierra Nevada.

The UC Berkeley Central Sierra Snow Lab tweeted Saturday morning that it received 21.3 inches (54 centimeters) of snow in 24 hours and that its snowpack of about 10 feet (3 meters) was expected to grow several more feet by Monday.

A backcountry avalanche warning was issued for the central Sierra, including the greater Lake Tahoe area.

A series of atmospheric rivers has dumped rain and snow on California since late December, cutting power to thousands, swamping roads, unleashing debris flows, and triggering landslides.

At least 19 storm-related deaths have occurred, and a 5-year-old boy remained missing after being swept out of his mother's car by flood waters in San Luis Obispo County.

Half of the deaths have involved motorists, and some

could have been prevented if drivers had heeded road closure signs, said Sean Duryee, acting commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, during a briefing by state and federal officials on Friday.

In Santa Barbara County, where a massive debris flow through the community of Montecito killed 23 people on Jan. 9, 2018, residents were told that new evacuations were not expected but that they should be prepared.

Montecito and adjacent areas were most recently ordered evacuated last Monday, the fifth anniversary of what is locally remembered as the "1/9 Debris Flow." But the community perched on foothills of coastal mountains escaped serious harm.

In a visit to Montecito on Friday, Newsom asked residents to exercise caution, and to heed warnings from public safety officials.

"I know how fatigued you all are," Newsom said. "Just maintain a little more vigilance over the course of the next weekend."

Dry days are in next week's forecast for California starting on Tuesday.

"Question will then become do we stay dry through the end of month?" the San Francisco Bay Area weather office wrote. □

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Aftermath of a house explosion on Ramapo Avenue in Pompton Lakes, N.J., on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023.

Associated Press

POMPTON LAKES, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey house where smoke had been reported exploded with volunteer firefighters inside, injuring five of them and sending two to a hospital

for treatment of burns, authorities said.

The Pompton Lakes Volunteer Fire Department in Passaic County said on its Facebook page that crews were dispatched at about

New Jersey home explodes with firefighters inside; 5 injured

2:15 a.m. Saturday after a police sergeant reported smelling smoke coming from the home.

Officials said members of the department entered the home to try to find the source of the smoke and were using a thermal imaging camera when "the home literally exploded, injuring some members manning the hose line at the back of the home and partially trapping others in the basement."

All were able to get out on their own. Two were sent to St. Barnabus Hospital where they were treated

for burns and released, officials said. Three others were treated for minor injuries at the scene. Police also evacuated the lone resident who told authorities he didn't know how the blaze started. "I thought we were going to have six fatalities, I really did," Pompton Lakes Fire Chief Jason Ekkers told NorthJersey.com. "They managed to climb out of the basement with compromised stairs. They all helped each other out, they came out one at a time and we were at the back door, just feeding them out."

Officials said the blast caused part of the house to collapse and a significant fire resulted. Fire crews from several departments got the flames under control by 3:30 a.m. Saturday. A state fire marshal and Public Service Electric & Gas are investigating. Olivia Alvarez, 17, told NorthJersey.com that she was looking out the window from her second-floor bedroom across the street when she saw smoke coming from the rear of the home and "thought it was a car or something." A short time later, she "just saw it all explode," she said. □

68 dead, 4 missing after plane crashes in Nepal resort town

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Associated Press

POKHARA, Nepal (AP) — A plane making a 27-minute flight to a Nepal tourist town crashed into a gorge Sunday while attempting to land at a newly opened airport, killing at least 68 of the 72 people aboard. At least one witness reported hearing cries for help from within the fiery wreck, the country's deadliest airplane accident in three decades. Hours after dark, scores of onlookers crowded around the crash site near the airport in the resort town of Pokhara as rescue workers combed the wreckage on the edge of the cliff and in the ravine below. Officials suspended the search for the four missing people overnight and planned to resume looking Monday. Local resident Bishnu Tiwari, who rushed to the crash site near the Seti River to help search for bodies, said the rescue efforts were hampered by thick smoke and a raging fire.

"The flames were so hot that we couldn't go near the wreckage. I heard a man crying for help, but because of the flames and smoke we couldn't help him," Tiwari said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the accident, Nepal's Civil Aviation Authority said.

A witness said he saw the aircraft spinning violently in the air after it began descending to land, watching from the terrace of his house. Finally, Gaurav Gurung said, the plane fell nose-first towards its left and crashed into the gorge.

The aviation authority said the aircraft last made contact with the airport from near Seti Gorge at 10:50 a.m. before crashing.

The twin-engine ATR 72 aircraft, operated by Nepal's Yeti Airlines, was flying from the capital, Kathmandu, to Pokhara, located 200 kilometers (125 miles) west. It was carrying 68 passengers including 15 foreign nationals, as well as four



Nepalese rescue workers and civilians gather around the wreckage of a passenger plane that crashed in Pokhara, Nepal, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023.

Associated Press

crew members, Nepal's Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement. The foreigners included five Indians, four Russians, two South Koreans, and one each from Ireland, Australia, Argentina and France.

Images and videos shared on Twitter showed plumes of smoke billowing from the crash site, about 1.6 kilometers (nearly a mile) away from Pokhara International Airport. The aircraft's fuselage was split into multiple parts that were scattered down the gorge.

Firefighters carried bodies, some burned beyond recognition, to hospitals where grief-stricken relatives had assembled. At Kathmandu airport, family members appeared distraught as they were escorted in and at times exchanged heated words with officials as they waited for information.

Tek Bahadur K. C., a senior administrative officer in the Kaski district, said he expected rescue workers to find more bodies at the bottom of the gorge.

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who rushed to Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu after the crash, set up a panel to investigate the accident.

"The incident was tragic. The full force of the Nepali army, police has been deployed for rescue," he said. South Korea's Foreign Minis-

try said in a statement that it's still trying to confirm the fate of two South Korean passengers and has sent staff to the scene. The Russian Ambassador to Nepal, Alexei Novikov, confirmed the death of four Russian citizens who were on board the plane.

Omar Guterrez, governor of Argentina's Neuquen province, reported on his official Twitter account that an Argentine passenger on the flight was Jannet Palavecino from his province. The Facebook page of Palavecino says she was manager of the Hotel Suizo in Neuquen city.

On the page, she described herself as a lover of travel, and of adventure tourism. "I am passionate about the mountains! Riding my bike in cycling. I love my garden and the countryside. I like to paint!" she wrote.

Her account has many photos of her in the mountains. Pokhara is the gateway to the Annapurna Circuit, a popular hiking trail in the Himalayas. The city's new international airport began operations only two weeks ago.

The type of plane involved, the ATR 72, has been used by airlines around the world for short regional flights. Introduced in the late 1980s by a French and Italian partnership, the aircraft model has been involved

in several deadly accidents over the years. In Taiwan two earlier accidents involving ATR 72-500 and ATR 72-600 aircrafts happened just months apart. In July 2014, a TransAsia ATR 72-500 flight crashed while trying to land on the scenic Penghu archipelago between Taiwan and China, killing 48 people onboard. An ATR 72-600 operated by the same Taiwanese airline crashed shortly after takeoff in Taipei in February 2015 after one of its engines failed and the second was shut down, apparently by mistake.

The 2015 crash, captured in dramatic footage that showed the plane striking a taxi as it hurtled out of control, killed 43, and prompted authorities to ground all Taiwanese-registered ATR 72s for some time. TransAsia ceased all flights in 2016 and later went out of business.

ATR identified the plane involved in Sunday's crash as an ATR 72-500 in a tweet. According to plane tracking data from flightradar24.com, the aircraft was 15 years old and "equipped with an old transponder with unreliable data." It was previously flown by India's Kingfisher Airlines and Thailand's Nok Air before Yeti took it over in 2019, according to records on Airfleets.net. □

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Top Brazil court greenlights probe of Bolsonaro for riot

By **DAVID BILLER** and
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Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian Supreme Court justice on Friday authorized adding former President Jair Bolsonaro in its investigation into who incited the Jan. 8 riot in the nation's capital, as part of a broader crackdown to hold responsible parties to account.

According to the text of his ruling, Justice Alexandre de Moraes granted the request from the prosecutor-general's office, which cited a video that Bolsonaro posted on Facebook two days after the riot. The video claimed President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva wasn't voted into office, but rather was chosen by the Supreme Court and Brazil's electoral authority.

Prosecutors in the recently formed group to combat anti-democratic acts argued earlier Friday that although Bolsonaro posted the video after the riot, its content was sufficient to justify investigating his conduct beforehand. Bolsonaro deleted it the morning after he first posted it.

Legal analysts consulted by The Associated Press said investigating Bolsonaro was overdue and justified.

"Bolsonaro's positioning, in general, is being investigated as an incitement method. The fact that the video was published after



Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, top, center left, meets with Vice President-elect Geraldo Alckmin, top center right, Supreme Court President Rosa Weber, top, third from left, Supreme Court Justice Luis Roberto Barroso, second left, and other justices at Planalto Palace in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, the morning after ex-President Jair Bolsonaro's supporters stormed Congress, the Supreme Court and presidential palace.

the attacks doesn't mean he wasn't involved previously in inciting the acts," said Georges Abboud, a constitutional law professor at Sao Paulo's Pontifical Catholic University.

Otherwise, Bolsonaro has refrained from commenting on the election since his Oct. 30 defeat. He repeatedly stoked doubt about the reliability of the electronic voting system in the run-up to the vote, filed a request afterward to annul millions of ballots cast using the machines and never conceded.

He has taken up residence in an Orlando suburb since leaving Brazil in late December and skipping the Jan. 1 swearing-in of his

leftist successor, and some Democratic lawmakers have urged President Joe Biden to cancel his visa.

Following the justice's decision late Friday, Bolsonaro's lawyer Frederick Wassef said in a statement that the former president "vehemently repudiates the acts of vandalism and destruction" from Jan. 8, but blamed supposed "infiltrators" of the protest — something his far-right backers have also claimed.

The statement also said Bolsonaro "never had any relationship or participation with these spontaneous social movements."

Brazilian authorities are investigating who enabled Bolsonaro's radical support-

ers to storm the Supreme Court, Congress and presidential palace in an attempt to overturn results of the October election. Targets include those who summoned rioters to the capital or paid to transport them, and local security personnel who may have stood aside to let the mayhem occur.

Much of the attention thus far has focused on Anderson Torres, Bolsonaro's former justice minister, who became the federal district's security chief on Jan. 2, and was in the U.S. on the day of the riot.

De Moraes has opened an investigation into Torres' actions, which he characterized as "neglect and collu-

sion."

In his decision, which was made public Friday, de Moraes said Torres fired subordinates and left the country before the riot, an indication that he was deliberately laying the groundwork for the unrest. Torres has denied wrongdoing.

Justice Minister Flávio Dino pointed to a document that Brazilian federal police found upon searching Torres' home: a draft decree that would have seized control of Brazil's electoral authority and potentially overturned the election. The origin and authenticity of the unsigned document are unclear, and it remains unknown if Bolsonaro or his subordinates took any steps to implement the measure that would have been unconstitutional, according to analysts and the Brazilian academy of electoral and political law.

But the document "will figure in the police investigation, because it even more fully reveals the existence of a chain of people responsible for the criminal events," Dino said, adding that Torres will need to inform police who drafted it. By failing to initiate a probe against the document's author or report its existence, Torres at the very least could be charged with dereliction of duty, said Mario Sérgio Lima, a political analyst at Medley Advisors. □



A police officer stands guard while a health worker gives a polio vaccine to a child in Peshawar, Pakistan, Dec. 5, 2022.

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan on Sunday launched its first anti-polio campaign

of the year, targeting 44.2 million children under the age of five.

Pakistan launches anti-polio drive targeting 44M children

Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only two countries in the world where polio continues to threaten the health and well-being of children. Polio affects the nervous system of children and ultimately leads to paralysis. Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif kicked off the nationwide drive by administering polio drops to children in the capital, Islamabad, saying Pakistan was unfortunately among the few countries that still suffered from the disease.

Twenty cases were reported in the tribal North Waziristan area last year, though the disease was contained among other children through immunization, Sharif said.

Around 44 million children in 156 districts will be immunized. This includes 22.54 million children in Punjab, 10.1 million in Sindh and 7.4 million in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces.

Sharif said his government along with other stakeholders, including U.S. billionaire

Bill Gates and the World Health Organization, were effectively contributing to polio eradication in Pakistan. He gave away appreciation certificates at the launch to frontline polio workers and praised their "invaluable sacrifices". Pakistan has witnessed frequent attacks on polio teams and policemen deployed to protect them. Militants falsely claim that vaccination campaigns are a Western conspiracy to sterilize children. □



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Royal Carnival Queen, Adrienne Jacobs, is in full preparation for the election of Aruban Carnival Queen



The election for the Aruban Carnival Queen, along with Miss Carnaval, will take place on Sunday, January 22nd. Adrienne Jacobs (25) is one of the candidates for this year's Carnaval Queen contest and will be representing Royal Carnival Group. Jacobs let us in on her preparation routine for the big day.

Jacobs explained that rehearsals and preparations are going great. Seeing as participating in the contest was a last-minute decision she took with her family, the time they have for preparations is short. Despite this, she said that preparations are going as planned: "Every day I'm busy rehearsing with dancers, my personal coach and working with a great team that is constantly at work. This team includes the decorator for my props, the designer of my outfits, my choreographer, family and dancers who train daily to

create an amazing showcase", she stated. Personally, she added, she is very excited and not at all nervous; she's been a natural performer from a very young age. She expressed that after her run for Youth Carnival Queen in 2013, she is excited to be back on stage. "Whenever I go on stage, I always tell myself to have fun. Win or lose, every one of the candidates is a queen on her own", she gushed. Finally, Jacob sent a personal message to the carnival community of Aruba: "I just want to say to the carnival community, let's celebrate Carnaval 69 healthily and responsibly. After two years of no carnival, let's celebrate this one with ease and enjoyment. Let us be an inspiration to the younger generation, to celebrate and elevate our carnival tradition. So, enjoy and celebrate big, but do so responsibly". □

The Savaneta Prome Capital Foundation condemns the picking and taking of sea glass from local reef

In a statement made on Facebook, the Savaneta Prome Capital Foundation expresses its disapproval of the fact that tourists pick and take sea glass from a reef located in the district of Savaneta.

In their statement, they indicated that "the tourists are of course always welcome to appreciate the natural beauty of our reef, but it is important to warn that it is forbidden to take any souvenirs from the reef". There is currently a discussion about whether the sea glass is natural or not. The foundation expresses that "the broken glasses on the reef have transformed in the course of many years into colorful rocks. This is a beautiful sight to see on the reef, but this has also become a tourist attraction. The point is the sea glasses have become a

part of the reef and should stay on it. Picking them without permission is considered as wrecking the beauty of the reef. Tourist and Environmental authorities must pay attention to this before it escalates to a complete destruction of the reef or a tourist injuring themselves".

Different perspectives have come forward, most of which point out that this is a destruction of the reef's ecosystem. Supposedly, different tour companies take tourists to the reef so they can pick and take the glasses; something that is frowned upon because of the history of the reef. It would be appreciated if authorities and parties involved could give their own opinion on this matter in conservation of nature. □



LOCAL



Illustrating 16% growth compared to 2019: In the first three quarters of 2022, Tourism Credits contributed with 3.2 billion Florins to local economy

Looking back on a 2022 that began with different challenges, among other things, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic that can still be felt, Aruba still reached a very satisfactory level of recovery.

Tourism Credits 2022

Every quarter the Central Bank of Aruba observes the Tourism Credits (Tourism Receipts) which show the amount of money brought by tourism into our economy. While the numbers from the last quarter of 2022 are still unknown, it's worth emphasizing the importance of this indicator for the recovery of our tourism, seeing as it is one indicator illustrating not the amount of visitors that came to Aruba, but the amount of money that their visit generated. Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) had the goal of reaching 95% recovery for this indicator in 2022. ATA predicted that this goal would be surpassed, and we could be closing the year with 17% growth

compared to 2019.

Tourism Credits is the direct income generated from tourism, and excludes the indirect income that Aruba's economy generates thanks to the tourism industry.

December 2022 compared to 2019 and 2021

In the month of December, our destination received a total of 110,435 stay-over visitors. If the month of December 2022 is compared to December 2019 – the last normal year for tourism – it can be noted that Aruba recovered 110% of what was received in December 2019, a growth of 10 percent.

If December 2022 is compared to December 2021, we can see a recovery of 123%, indicating 23% growth.

2022

In 2022, Aruba received a total of 1,100,997 stay-over visitors, representing a degree of recovery of 98% compared to the same

months in 2019. While a complete recovery in the amount of visitors was attempted, the challenges at the beginning of the year, among other things due to the Omicron variant had a role in this recovery. However, the goal of 95% was surpassed. It's worth noting that the main market in each region surpassed the numbers for 2019. The United States surpassed the amount of visitors in 2019 with 20,275 – a growth of 2.4%. The Netherlands surpassed the amount of visitors in 2019 with 3,3029 visitors – a growth of 7.7%; and Colombia surpassed the amount of visitors in 2019 with 1,122 visitors – a growth of 3.5%.

Markets and accommodation categories

In 2022, 81.7% of the total stay-over visitors for Aruba came from North America, 8.0% came from Europe, 7.6% came from Latin America and 2.7% from other parts of the world. The percentage of visitors

from North America and other parts of the world increased while the percentage from Europe and Latin America decreased.

Seeing the accommodation categories, in 2022, 36.3% of visitors stayed in High-Rise hotels; 9.3% stayed in Low-Rise hotels; 29.4% stayed in Timeshare and 25.0% stayed in other types of accommodation, known also as vacation rentals.

The percentage of visitors that stayed in Low-Rise, Timeshare and other types of accommodations increased, while the percentage of visitors that stayed in High-Rise decreased.

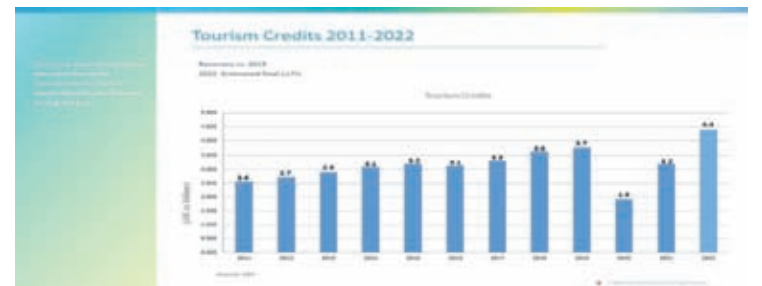
It is important to mention that ATA has access to a platform where it is possible to see the amount of houses, apartments and villas that are used as vacation rentals, as well as the average price per night, occupation and a calculation of the income generated by these.

If 2022 is compared to 2019,

it can be noted that the average price for these accommodations increased with 32%, from an average of \$172 per night in 2019 to an average of \$227 per night in 2022. If 2022 is compared to 2019, it can be noted that the average occupation of these accommodations increased with five percentage points, from an average of 49% in 2019 to an average of 54% in 2022. In the case of income, if 2022 is compared to 2019, it can be seen that the category generated an increase of income of 115%.

2023

For 2023, four indicators will be once more used to measure tourism. Compared to 2019, in 2023 it is predicted that the amount of visitors will recover 2015; tourism income will recover 117%; hotel room income, according to AHATA numbers will recover 100%; the amount of cruise visitors will recover between 90% and 100%. □



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Camping season 2023 announced

ORANJESTAD - In connection with the upcoming camping season during spring break, the Chief of Police, Mr. Ramon Arnhem, urges all campers to be aware of the conditions set for the camping permit.

Camping starts on Sunday, April 2, 2023, from noon, and the last day is April 16, 2023. It is only permitted to set up tents and trailers on the beach during these days. The Police will remove any tents or trailers placed on the beach before the starting day and time, at the owner's expense.

After April 16, 2023, campers must remove all camping-related objects should be removed from the beach. Failing to remove these will also result in their removal at the permit holder's expense. The police urge everyone to keep all beaches clean. Dispose of all trash in trash containers or trash bags.

Deadline for a camping permit

The last day to apply for a camping permit is March

15, 2023, at 4:30 pm. You can submit permit applications during weekdays from 8:00 am to 11:30 am and from 1:00 pm to 04:30 pm.

Additional conditions are now applicable:

BBQ on the beach (sand) is not allowed under any circumstance. BBQ is only allowed in designated areas and when using a gas BBQ Pit. Charcoal is not permitted at all.

Tents and trailers used for camping should be in good condition and placed at least 10 meters from the water's edge and 5 meters from the road's side. Not complying with these guides will also result in the removal of these tents or trailers by the Police.

Camping sites can under no circumstance be reserved.

You are allowed to only place a tent, trailer, and objects in the location designated by Government officials.

Tents/trailers should have proper first aid resources (First Aid kit)

Obscene objects or posters



are prohibited.

Campers should always comply with all the conditions set in the camping permit.

Motor vehicles, bicycles, horses, or any cart is prohibited on the beach.

Campfires are prohibited on the beach

The sale of food, refreshments, cocktails, or any other item on the beach without the proper permit is prohibited.

You can only play music in a tent or trailer during the weekdays until 10:00 pm and on the weekend until midnight as long as it does not cause nuisances to neighbor campers.

It is not allowed to trim or chop any tree without a permit.

Boating or setting anchors in designated swimming zones is not allowed. It is prohibited to tie boats to buoys meant for ships.

It is not allowed to use pallets and cardboard on the beach. Failing to comply with this rule will result in the removal by the authorities. The beach or palm trees are not allowed to be used as a toilet.

Horses and dogs are not allowed on the beach.

Beach huts are not allowed to be used for camping and should remain available for beachgoers.

All beaches should be kept clean. Glass bottles and or glass shrapnels must be removed immediately from the sand and not discarded in the ocean. It also applies to all trash.

You cannot transfer the camping permit to a third

party.

The permit holder should have the permit visible to the police in the tent/trailer. The permit holder's right to use the camping site is exclusive during the camping period. Before the camping date, no area can be reserved/marked or cordoned off, etc.

The permit holder is solely responsible for any harm caused to others by his/her trailer/tent or any other object.

The permit holder must strictly follow police directives in the interest of public order, the safety of people, morality, and property.

Failing to comply with any of these conditions is considered similar to camping without a permit. The camping permit will be immediately revoked and may result in a fine.

The deadline for the camping permit application is March 15, 2023, at 4:30 pm. Comply with all the rules and regulations and have great camping. Be aware that the police will be actively checking all beaches and camping sites during the camping season. □



Exploring the Mainstreet of San Nicolas



SAN NICOLAS— At Just 11 miles southeast from Oranjestad you will enter the city San Nicolas, also known as Sunrise City or Chocolate City. A city that is rich in authentic culture and island charm. San Nicolas is Aruba's second largest city and was once a bustling company town dominated by the oil industry since the early 1930's.

Over the course of four decades, its demographics had changed immensely due to a stream of Afro-Ca-

ribbean and South American workers who came to fill the jobs in the oil refinery between the 1920's until the 1960's. To this day traces of the multicultural influences in culinary offerings and customs, housing and population are clearly visible in San Nicolas - more than anywhere else on the island.

Flow of history

if you are looking for history San Nicolas has it. Here you will find three amazing museums, The Museum of

Industry, the Community Museum and the Carnival Euphoria, all within walking distance from one another. The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Here you will learn about gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and the tourism industries which made San Nicolas once a bustling business center. Experience the touching stories of those who were part of this history.

Nicolaas Store built in 1940 and renovated in 2014 is the home of the Community Museum. The collection is remarkable and spans millennia. Ancient fossils stand next to tableaus of an authentically recreated colonial kitchen and bedroom and 19th-century barber-shop, just to name a few of the items of old-time Aruba that has been preserved. A collection of artifacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance can be found here for the purpose of education or enjoyment. Carnival Euphoria is showcasing Aruba's Carnival. See how are Carnival has developed over the past 65 years.

The new San Nicolas

In the shadow of the refinery, an art capital is quietly beginning to grow. This is the new San Nicolas, a place that is starting to become a magnet for all that



is young, cool and hip in Aruba. Indeed, San Nicolas has all of the ingredients of an emerging cultural hub — varied history, interesting architecture, and, perhaps most importantly, an urban layout that makes it walkable. As you walk around, the streets are silent but the walls are loud, filled with bright, colorful murals painted by a collection of artists from around the world. Thanks to the efforts of various art organizations in Aruba, such as Art Rules Aruba and Aruba Art Fair, San Nicolas has had quite the aesthetic makeover with regards to vibrant street art. Each year more and more stunning murals are replacing broken down buildings with colorful art

pieces that keep brightening up SunriseCity.

Must See, Do, Buy & Eat

A little bit of everything can be found in the main street. Stores selling shoes, clothing, jewelry you name it. Arts & crafts by Cosecha store & Creative Center, a design store in which you can immerse yourself in discovering genuine and locally made arts and crafts which reflect the diversification of the Aruban craft heritage and the artistic supply of artisans. Don't miss out on trying the exquisite food offered by the cafes and restaurants or just enjoy a peaceful walk admiring the murals, mosaic benches and all the history San Nicolas has to offer. □



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Bibi Arends, ex-president of Aruba Tivoli Club

“Hope for an old-style Carnival, full of creativity and culture”

Maximiliano Francisco Arends, better known as Bibi Arends, was involved in Aruba's Carnival from a young age. He was also the president of Club Tivoli, which was located in Whilhelminastraat during the 50s and 60s.

In a special interview with our reporter, Arends mentioned that the house in which he was born was next to the Aruba Tivoli Club, a club which was established in 1921 as Aruba Dance Club and later changed its name, got a new building – and years later was dismantled.

From a young age, before the World War II, Arends would see that there was a lot of activity at the Aruba Tivoli Club because a lot of the members travelled to Europe and would bring back the Venice-style of Carnival, “which is very luxurious and used a lot of masks, which was ideal back then because a lot of the members belonged to the elite in the community as doctors and lawyers, and by wearing the mask they would not be recognized and could just enjoy with everyone else”, he said.

With the passing of time, the club became bigger, but the war paralyzed everything. And when things picked back up, people went on the streets mainly only with the queens on a convertible. After a while, more clubs like Caribe Club, Watapana Club and Club Viceroy joined and they began using cars and



trucks. “This was more like a Queen parade in convertible cars in 1946, and it scaled up with music trucks with the old Carnival song of Calipso, composed by Rufo Wever and Padu del Caribe – composers of Aruba's national anthem, Aruba Dushi Tera – and interpreted by Edwin Zichem. Back then the song was played by various bands on the trucks.”

As more people joined the parades became bigger. Around 1954, the president of Tivoli realized that there were a lot of carnival celebrations around Aruba, like steelband which began in

San Nicolas, and the Chinese club which also began participating in carnival in San Nicolas.

Because of this, Arends called for all clubs to come together and agree to organize a general carnival with the idea of celebrating carnival in Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

“Back then carnival was very different, there was a lot more coming together of the groups, organizations and families that worked on carnival items like headpieces, would sew all costumes and everything was almost free because people would come together. It was like a cultural-social event, where one would come with a couple of cases of beer, another with a cake, and people were happy. This doesn't exist anymore,” Arends commented.

Tivoli started with various things like Fakkeloptocht and Miss Carnival back then. And in 1980, the organization in charge of the general carnival, Central Commission of Carnival of Aruba (CCCA), which later became the Foundation of Aruba's Carnival (SAC), was asked to organize a carnival at night, “because Tivoli's people would see the beautiful carnival lights at Disney World Orlando and wanted to introduce it in Aruba”, according to Arends.

In 1981, Tivoli was to celebrate its 60th anniversary, and they agreed to organize the parade at night, something that back then was dangerous and not allowed by police. But it went through and became such a success that for the second time, people were so happy with Lighting Parade that they forced it to include steelband, super dancers, brass band and groups from abroad.

Back then, to be part of a carnival parade one had to pay 100 florins, then it



went to 75 florins and ended at 50 florins. The groups started getting big with people that were not members, and this resulted in a massive participation as it is now. And this caused the closure of Club Tivoli, since they didn't have funds anymore, and hotels were offering other entertainment activities.

“At the change of the century a new situation grew in Aruba and the world with scientific progress and technology. People's character changed and things started becoming more commercial, and carnival became more about money. Carnival became very expensive these years, you need to pay at least 12,000 florins for the band alone and it's getting worse. With all respect to today's carnival, but you go online, you find a group, you register on your computer, you receive your drinks ticket and you go dance”, he explained.

Since the year 2000, according to Arends, the luxury, beauty and greatness of carnival began decreasing – less luxury, less fantasy and creativity. It became more commercial.

He said that he lived and

enjoyed the carnivals of yesteryear, up until 2009. “I am afraid that at some point carnival will collapse and break itself because you cannot afford it. Situation is improving after the pandemic, it's true, but the value of money is decreasing and you cannot purchase everything necessary nowadays for carnival.”

The good news that Arends has been observing the last few years is that organizations, like hotel personnel or private companies, began doing carnival the old style. “They get together after work, they make their carnival stuff and have a party before the big parade. Even the neighborhood centers are developing, like the one at Noord that has the Sunset Parade with a beautiful steelband and everything handmade, expressing Aruba's culture and tradition.

He sees this positively. “If those are not paid, we recreate and reactivate our carnival in the style of the old days, which was very creative, very social and very cultural”, he said.

Images from Facebook page: Historia di Aruba -Toen en NU. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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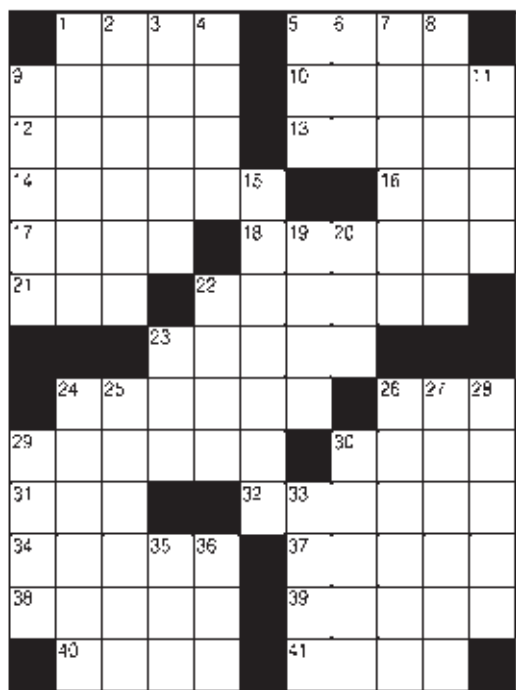
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE BAD NEWS IS TIME FLIES. THE GOOD NEWS IS YOU'RE THE PILOT. — MICHAEL ALTSCHULER

Millennial Money: 5 tactics to pay buy now, pay later debt

By MELISSA LAMBARENA
of NerdWallet

Chances are that your "buy now, pay later" bill from the holiday season will arrive soon or has already made its debut.

If you're not financially prepared to pay up, late fees or other charges can bury you deeper in debt. Circumstances can change over a matter of weeks through financial setbacks like unemployment, an unexpected bill, a family emergency or other events. When you're feeling the financial squeeze of those pay-in-four buy now, pay later plans — and possibly other debts — it's important to create a plan to pay down balances. Here are a few options to consider as you strategize your way out of debt.

1. UPDATE YOUR BUDGET

Review your budget and trim unnecessary expenses or swap services for less costly alternatives. Cancel unused subscriptions, for example, or switch to a cheaper streaming service. If you're also struggling with credit card debt that may take three to five years to pay off, consider consulting an accredited nonprofit credit counseling agency about a debt management plan, which can consolidate some balances into a single low-interest payment. Note that accounts enrolled in the plan are typically required to be closed, which could affect your finances in the short term.

2. CHANGE YOUR PAYMENT DUE DATE

Some lenders like Klarna and Afterpay allow you to change the payment due date or request an extension.



This June 19, 2015 file photo shows the seal of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at SEC headquarters, in Washington. Associated Press

Klarna customers using a pay-in-four loan can extend the due date of a payment for each order once by 14 days, according to the company's website. Afterpay may provide more leeway, allowing changes to the payment due date up to six times per year in the app, according to Amanda Pires, a company spokesperson.

3. COMMUNICATE WITH LENDERS ABOUT HARDSHIPS

If a financial setback or emergency keeps you from making payments, the buy now, pay later lender may offer some relief.

Major buy now, pay later companies with hardship policies typically encourage you to contact customer service as soon as possible about hardships.

"Affirm users experiencing financial hardship can contact us through our help center so we can work with them to identify an available repayment option that best meets their personal needs," Casey Becker, a company spokesperson, said via email. Terms vary by lender.

4. CONSIDER A BALANCE TRANSFER CREDIT CARD

If you have good credit (a FICO score of 690 or high-

er), a few issuers may offer a 0% introductory annual percentage rate on a balance transfer credit card to be used to pay buy now, pay later debt. That might buy you some time if you're struggling to meet a plan's payment deadlines, but there are some things to know. Balance transfer credit cards are designed to help you save on interest charges for a designated time frame, so they might not make sense for certain buy now, pay later plans that don't charge interest to begin with. Plus, you can move a balance only as high as the card's credit limit allows, and there's typically a fee charged on the amount you transfer, usually between 3% and 5%. Compare potential buy now, pay later costs against these factors.

The process and terms will vary among the card issuers that allow this, so ask what to expect. Wells Fargo, for instance, may allow you to use a balance transfer to pay buy now, pay later debt.

"The most common practice is to transfer balances from another credit card issuer to their Wells Fargo account to save on interest," Sarah DuBois, a Wells Fargo spokesperson, said via email. "If there is a creditor that is not technically considered a retail or bank card issuer, customers do have other options for how to take advantage of their balance transfer offer (i.e. using a balance transfer check that is generally issued with the offer)." □

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Toyota pushes zero-emission goals by converting old models

By YURI KAGEYAMA

Associated Press

CHIBA, Japan (AP) — To accelerate the global move toward sustainable vehicles, Toyota is suggesting simply replacing the inner workings of vehicles already on the roads with cleaner technology like fuel cells and electric motors. "I don't want to leave any car lover behind," Chief Executive Akio Toyoda said Friday, appearing on the stage at the Tokyo Auto Salon, an industry event similar to the world's auto shows. The message was clear: Toyota Motor Corp. wants the world to know it hasn't fallen behind in electric vehicles, as some detractors have implied.

Japan's top automaker, behind the Lexus luxury brands and the Prius hybrid, is highlighting its clout: It has all the technology, engineering, financial reserves and industry experience needed to remain a powerful competitor in green vehicles.

Toyoda told reporters it would take a long time for all the cars to become zero emission, as they only make up a fraction of the vehicles being sold. Changing old cars to go green, or "conversion," was a better option, he said.

Toyoda, the grandson of the company founder and an avid racer himself, was also hoping to debunk the stereotype that clean

cars aren't as fun as regular cars. At Toyota's Gazoo Racing booth, the maker of the Lexus luxury models and Camry sedan showed video of its triumph at world rallies, as well as the battery-electric and hydrogen-powered versions of the Toyota AE86 series including the Toyota Corolla Levin, to underline what Toyoda called its "conversion" strategy.

The auto industry is undergoing a transformation because of growing concerns about climate change. Automakers are often blamed as the culprits.

Toyoda said ecological efforts in the auto industry were starting to be appreciated in many nations, but he felt less appreciated in Japan.

Toyota has dominated the industry with its hybrid technology, exemplified in the Prius, which has both an electric motor and gasoline engine, switching back and forth to deliver the most efficient ride. That has often been seen as reflecting its reluctance to go totally electric.

Battery electric vehicles make up about 20% of the auto market, despite the hullabaloo about relative newcomers like Tesla and even Dyson. Europe remains ahead of the U.S. and Japan in the move toward electric.

And so is it unfair to categorize the Japanese auto-



Toyota Motor Corp. Chief Executive Akio Toyoda delivers a speech on the stage at the Tokyo Auto Salon, an industry event similar to the world's auto shows Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, in Chiba near Tokyo.

Associated Press

makers as green laggards? For one, the scarcity of certain components like lithium could drive up the prices of EVs, and consumers may stick with hybrids, says Matthias Schmidt, chief auto analyst at Schmidt Automotive Research.

"If this was 2025, and you asked that same question, I would say the Japanese OEMs have missed the boat. But seeing it's 2023, and the likes of Toyota are beginning their BEV roll-out, their timing is likely bang on schedule," he said. □



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Randle's 42 leads Knicks to 11th straight win over Pistons

By **DAVE HOGG**
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Julius Randle had 42 points and 15 rebounds as the New York Knicks extended their winning streak against the Detroit Pistons to 11 games with a 117-104 victory Sunday.

Randle, who put up the first 40/15 game for the Knicks since Patrick Ewing on Jan. 19, 1996, averaged 28.5 points in four games against the Pistons this year. "I'm not sure it has anything to do with Detroit," he said. "I feel like I can get my shot away against any team."

Detroit hasn't beat the Knicks since Nov. 6, 2019, the end of its eight-game winning streak over them.

Jalen Brunson added 27 points for the Knicks and drew three charges, putting him into a three-way tie with Kevin Love and Kendrick Williams for first place in the league.

"If he's tied for first, it is good, because now he has something to work toward," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "That says to me that you are sacrificing yourself for the team — sometimes it is taking a charge, setting a screen or being the first player on the floor. That all goes into winning." Immanuel Quickley



New York Knicks forward Julius Randle (30) attempts a layup as Detroit Pistons forward Isaiah Livers (12) defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, in Detroit.

added 17 points.

"Quick was Quick today," Thibodeau said. "He's indispensable."

Jaden Ivey had 21 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Pistons and Saddiq Bey added 21 points.

"We battled the whole game, but we should have started better," Ivey said. "We got back into the game, but we wish we could have some of those late-game possessions back."

Isaiah Livers moved into Detroit's starting lineup and

scored 11 points in 39 minutes, but the focus was on his defense. "He sets the tone for us," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "He did a good job getting into the ball. Brunson had 27, but he had to work for them because of Isaiah's size and length."

New York led by seven at halftime and increased the margin to 90-80 on Randle's buzzer-beating tip at the end of the third.

The Knicks started the fourth with a 10-2 run, including five from Quickley to go up

100-82 with 9:43 left.

Detroit cut the deficit to 105-98 on Livers' 3-pointer, but the game was delayed for several minutes by a malfunctioning shot clock. Randle's 3-pointer put the margin back to double figures, and he answered Bey's basket with one of his own.

Randle helped the Knicks clinch the game from the line.

"We're trying to build ourselves as a team so, when the playoffs happen, we're ready for it," he said.

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The Knicks led by as many as 20 in the first half, taking advantage of Isaiah Stewart's foul trouble, but Bey and Kevin Knox II helped Detroit cut the deficit to 62-55 at halftime.

HEADING OVERSEAS

The Pistons' next home game won't be at Little Caesars Arena — they are "hosting" the Bulls at the Accor Arena in Paris on Thursday.

"I've been out of the country a few times and been to London, but I'm really excited about this," Ivey said. "I want to see a change of scenery, explore the world, do a little shopping and beat the Bulls."

TIP-INS

Knicks: New York had 11 offensive rebounds to Detroit's four in the first half. ... Quickly scored 17 of New York's 20 bench points. ... The Knicks swept the four-game season series by an average of 19 points.

Pistons: Detroit got Stewart back from a shoulder issue but played without starters Jalen Duren (ankle) and Bojan Bogdanovic (non-COVID illness) as well as reserve center Nerlens Noel (knee), along with long-term absentees Cade Cunningham (leg fracture) and Marvin Bagley III (broken hand). □

Augustus is 1st female athlete with statue on LSU campus



Seimone Augustus, a former LSU player who led her team to multiple final fours and a Minnesota Lynx player who won four WNBA Championships, speaks before her statue unveiling at the LSU campus on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, in Baton Rouge, La.

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By **BRETT MARTEL**
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BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Seimone Augustus gazed

up at the bronze likeness of her in front of LSU's basketball training center and began wiping away tears.

Augustus, who led the Tigers to three women's Final Four appearances before starring in the WNBA and in international play, became LSU's first female student-athlete to be immortalized with a statue on campus Sunday. Hers stands alongside those of former LSU basketball stars Bob Pettit, Shaquille O'Neal and Pete Maravich in a plaza that was packed with applauding fans during the unveiling.

"I'm still trying to process this," Augustus said as she addressed the crowd shortly before fifth-ranked LSU hosted Auburn in the nearby Pete Maravich Assembly Center. "It looks like the whole of Baton Rouge is out here. But this feels

good. "I needed everyone's support and love and protection ... and I just wanted to say thank you," she said. "Thank you for everything that you've done. Thank you to Baton Rouge, thank you to LSU, thank you to Louisiana. You've always been my motivation, my driving force in making sure that I excelled."

Augustus, a Baton Rouge native, emerged before the crowd wearing a brown suit and carrying a purple and gold parasol that she bobbed up and down to the beat of a "second line" brass band trailing behind her.

LSU second-year coach Kim Mulkey was among the dignitaries standing nearby. She hugged the

emotional Augustus and spoke into her ear before heading back to the arena for the game. Former LSU teammate Sylvia Fowles also attended.

Augustus exchanged pleasantries and posed for photos with fans crowded up against barricades surrounding the statue before heading to the game, where she again was honored and greeted with rousing applause between the first and second quarters. Augustus played at LSU from the 2002-03 through 2005-06 seasons. A two-time All-American who averaged 19.3 points during her career, she was drafted first overall in the 2006 WNBA Draft by Minnesota. □

Bills hang on for 34-31 wild-card win over Dolphins

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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)

— Josh Allen shrugged off a three-turnover outing by throwing two touchdown passes 3:11 apart in the third quarter, and rallying the Buffalo Bills to a 34-31 win over the injury-depleted Miami Dolphins in an AFC wild-card matchup on Sunday.

Cole Beasley scored the go-ahead touchdown with a 6-yard catch, and Gabe Davis extended the lead to 34-24 with a 23-yard TD reception in a game where Buffalo squandered an early 17-0 lead.

"Doesn't matter how we win, it's if we win, and I'm proud of our guys for playing the way they did," Allen said.

The Bills defense, which forced six punts and two turnovers, then held on to secure the win when Miami turned the ball over on downs on its final possession.

Rookie Skylar Thompson's pass on fourth-and-6 went just off the fingertips of tight end Mike Gesicki with 2:22 remaining.

Buffalo was able to run out the clock when Devin Singletary bulled his way for a 7-yard gain to convert a third-and-7.

It was a sloppy game played between two division rivals, and the outcome fitting after Miami and Buffalo split their regular-season series in games decided by a combined five points. The Dolphins beat Buffalo 21-19 at Miami in September, with the Bills rallying to beat Miami 32-29 last month.

Allen finished 23 of 39 for 352 yards and three TDs, but also threw two interceptions, which resulted in the Dolphins scoring 10 points. He also lost a fumble while being sacked by Eric Rowe, with Zach Sieler recovering the ball and returning it 5 yards for a touchdown to put Miami ahead 24-20, just 61 seconds into the third quarter. "It's a one-week season, that's it," Allen said. "All that matters is surviving and advancing."

As the AFC's second seed, Buffalo advances to host either the third-seeded Cincinnati Bengals or fourth-seeded Jacksonville Jaguars in the divisional round. Their matchup will be determined after the Bengals host Baltimore on Sunday night.

A potential Bills-Bengals matchup would come three weeks after their game was canceled when Buffalo safety Damar Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and needed to be resuscitated on the field.

The Dolphins played tough in a game they entered as 13 1/2-point underdogs, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. They were down numerous starters and trailed 17-0 with 12:46 left in the second quarter when Tyler

Bass hit a 33-yard field goal. The Dolphins defense and special teams made up for an offense that was down to its third-string quarterback in Thompson. Miami rallied to tie the game by taking advantage of two interceptions and Cedric Wilson's 50-yard punt return. Thompson, a seventh-round pick out of Kansas State, finished 18 of 45 for 220 yards with a touchdown pass to Gesicki, and two interceptions. He was making his third career start in place of Tua Tagovailoa, who is still in the concussion protocol and with backup Teddy Bridgewater dealing with a dislocated pinky finger.

The Dolphins were also missing running back Raheem Mostert (broken thumb),



Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17), top, loses control of the ball after a hit by Miami Dolphins safety Eric Rowe (21) during the second half of an NFL wild-card playoff football game, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

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and featured a patchwork offensive line missing starting left guard Liam Eichenberg (hand) and starting right tackle Brandon Shell (knee/ankle). Starting left

tackle Terron Armstead, meantime, played despite missing two of three practices because of injuries to his toe, pectoral muscle, knee and hip. □

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